

The Second Coming Of Christ

— A Study Of Greek Words —

INTRODUCTION— There are many Bible theologians who would divide the return of Christ into two stages, namely, *the secret rapture*, and *the glory coming*. Another way it is expressed is: *The coming "for" His saints*, then a *returning "with" the saints*. The opposing view would be that Jesus is only returning *once more*, not twice. Determine for yourself as you study the four Greek words below, and see if such a theory of two comings can be substantiated from the Scriptures.

Parousia

THE ARRIVING PRESENCE OF...

1. **2 Corinth 10:10** — 'bodily presence' of Paul (also: 2 Corinth 7:6 ; Philip 1:26)
2. **Matthew 24:3** — the sign of the Son of Man (which is Jesus Himself) is revealed AFTER the tribulation.
3. **Matthew 24:27** — the parousia is compared to lightning (not something secretive).
4. **Matthew 24:37, 39** — the parousia is likened unto the days of Noah wherein the faithful were spared God's judgment, while the unsaved and unfaithful were punished.
5. **1Thess 3:13** — the parousia will be with all the "saints" (which are not all the saved).
6. **1Thess 4:15** — some will be alive at the parousia, while others will have died "in Christ." All these will together be resurrected and caught up to meet Jesus in the air.
7. **1Thess 5:23** — some will be preserved "blameless" at the parousia of Christ.
8. **2Thes 2:1** — At the parousia, there will be a "gathering unto Christ." (the rapture).
9. **2Thes 2:8** — The parousia of Christ will destroy the "Antichrist."
10. **1John 2:28** — Although some will be blameless, others will be ashamed at Christ's parousia.



Erchomai

TO GO, TO COME...

1. **John 14:1-3** — the promise of Christ to come again and to receive His disciples unto Himself.
2. **Acts 1:11** — Jesus will come in the same manner as He left; that is, *bodily, visibly, once*.
3. **Matthew 24:30** — At Jesus' coming, every eye will see Him.
4. **1Corinth 11:26** — the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed until the "coming" of the Lord.
5. **Matthew 16:27** — the rewarding will occur when Jesus returns.

Apokalupsis

REMOVING THE COVER OF...

1. **1 Corinth 1:7** — the members at Corinth were waiting for the "revelation" of Christ (not a secret coming).
2. **2Thess 1:7** — the members at Thessalonica were looking for the "revelation" of Christ (not some first-stage secret coming).
3. **1 Peter 1:13** — Peter encouraged his readers to hope to the end at the time of the revelation of Jesus.
4. **1 Peter 1:7**— at the apokalupsis, we are admonished to have our faith worthy of praise, honor, and glory.

Epiphaneia

THE SHINING, BRIGHTNESS OF...

1. **2Thess 2:8** — the epiphaneia of Christ will be "bright" (not something secret).
2. **1Tim 6:14** — some will be without spot at the epiphaneia.
3. **2Tim 4:1** — Christ's kingdom will arrive at the epiphaneia.
4. **2Tim 4:8**— at the epiphaneia, Jesus will give the reward.
5. **Titus 2:13** — the epiphaneia of Christ will be glorious, notable, and open (not something quiet or secretive).